

well acquainted with the field from which patronage is to be obtained, should at such short intervals be putting out from their presses such expensive publications as those already mentioned, of the recent past, to be succeeded now by such an one as this "Surgery" edited by Keen, or that which is now disputing with it the favor of the profession, the series edited by Bryant, speaks well for the intelligence and enterprise of the medical men of the country who are to be the buyers of these expensive books, and to whom it is simply requisite that a book should be the best and the latest to secure its purchase whatever its cost.

The introductory chapter in this first volume of Keen's Surgery is by James G. Mumford, of Boston, and is entitled "Narrative of Surgery: A Historical Sketch." It is good reading. The style is animated and the descriptions are most interesting. Hippocrates and Galen receive due mention, and then a skip is made over fifteen hundred years to Vesalius. We could wish that this able pen could have said something about the Schools of Salerno, of Bologna, of Montpellier; of such surgeons as Mondeville, de Chauliac, Argelata, Berengarius da Carpi, and that he might have gone a little more into detail as regards the work which the Arabians did, all in this interval between Galen and Vesalius. The hiatus is too great. Our modern surgeons need to be informed as to the development and traditions of their art, and who so well fitted to do it as the accomplished and learned author of this chapter?

The remaining chapters of this volume are devoted, as would be expected, to topics pertaining to the Principles of Surgery and to General Surgery. A good index closes the volume. The merits of the book are such as will make one anxious for the appearance of its successors.

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A TEXT-BOOK OF GENITO-URINARY DISEASES. By DR. LEOPOLD CASPER, Professor in the University of Berlin. Translated and edited with additions, by DR. CHARLES W. BONNEY, of Philadelphia. P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia, 1906.

Doctor Leopold Casper, the author of this treatise, is a recognized authority on the subject of genito-urinary diseases. He is without question an enthusiast on the subject, as all those who

have studied under him will acknowledge. He is an indefatigable worker and a logical and scientific thinker. In his clinic in Berlin one sees all classes of genito-urinary diseases. As a teacher he has the art of imparting to his students a clear insight into the subject which he presents.

In his book this same enthusiasm and clearness is very evident. He divides his book into a General and a Special Section. In the General Section are considered the Examination of the Patient, Anatomy and Physiology of the Genito-Urinary Tract, Physical Methods of Examination, and Physical, Chemical and Microscopical Examination of the Secretions. This may seem to be but a repetition of what many other authors have already presented, but when one studies this section carefully he is impressed with the originality and value of the treatise as coming from the pen of a man who has actually done the work, and has excluded many of the worthless and time-consuming methods which other authors still cling to.

The Special Section treats of the various Diseases of the Genito-Urinary Tract and of the Functional Disturbances of the Sexual Organs.

The discussion of radical operations for hypertrophy of the prostate has been written conjointly by the author and Charles W. Bonney, the latter having translated the German edition, and edited the present American edition.

The book is eminently practical, and will rank high among the text-books on Genito-Urinary Diseases.

SURGICAL ASPECTS OF DIGESTIVE DISORDERS. By JAMES G. MUMFORD, M.D., Surgeon to the Massachusetts General Hospital, etc., and ARTHUR K. STONE, M.D., Physician to Out Patients, Massachusetts General Hospital, etc. 8vo., pp. 395. The Macmillan Company, 1905.

The era that dawned with the operative treatment of appendicitis, and whose light brightened with the recognition of gall-bladder disease as a surgical affection, has lightened more and more as Moynihan, Robson, the Mayos and others have published their successes in the operative relief of other chronic abdominal conditions, especially those affecting the stomach and intestines. As one turns the pages of the work now under consideration the